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1. The Ninth of May Works (Zavody 9. Kvetna), National Enterprise, is located on Budejovicka Street in Prague. It produces three types of motorcycles:
 250 ccm. engine displacement
 350 ccm. engine displacement
 500 ccm. engine displacement 25X1
2. The 500 ccm. motorcycles are produced mostly for domestic use, whereas about 75 percent of the two smaller types are for export. They are regularly shipped to 26 foreign countries, and exports go about 50 percent to Western countries and 50 percent to the Communist world.
3. The plant employs about 1,200 persons, including clerical employees, and work goes on in two 8-hour shifts from 6 am. to 10 pm. Most of the workers are paid piece wages. Parts for assembly are brought from Zebrak (N 49-52, E 13-54) and tires are brought from Gottwaldov. As much as 20 percent of the parts are rejects, either because of defects caused in their production or because of damage suffered at the Ninth of May Works on the lathes or during assembly. These materials are brought to the Ninth of May Works by four trucks which have been put into service to avoid the delay of shipping by rail.
4. Electrical power for the plant is supplied by the Ervenice (N 50-31, E 13-32) electric power plant. No civil-defense precautions have been taken in the plant and there is no civil-defense organization. There are three plant guards, all of whom are members of the Communist Party.
5. The building on Budejovicka street is about 50 meters long and has 4 stories. It contains offices. The assembly hall lies behind this building. It is two-storied with a glass roof. No alterations have been made in the plant since 1945. 25X1

Comment: There are a number of points of difference between this report and an earlier report on the same factory. 25X1

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